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NEWS

Tuesday February 9, 2016

The Face of Mercy

University of Dayton Campus Ministry encourages all to seek the face of mercy during Lent, which begins Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10.

"During this season, we recognize our sinfulness as humans, yet are reminded of our merciful God, and how much He loves us and invites us to act with mercy ourselves," said Crystal Sullivan, University of Dayton director of campus ministry. "Even Pope Francis goes to confession and seeks reconciliation with God. I encourage people to take advantage of the many opportunities through campus ministry to grow spiritually and seek the merciful face of Christ, one of faith, hope and love."

The University of Dayton will mark the beginning of Lent with six Ash Wednesday Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Chapel; 5 p.m. in Holy Angels Catholic Church; and 9 p.m. in the McGinnis Center. A Christian service with distribution of ashes only will take place in Marianist Hall at 8 p.m.

In addition to Ash Wednesday Masses, the University of Dayton Offices of Campus Ministry will offer the following free, public activities during Lent, which runs through Wednesday, March 23:

* Stations of the Cross at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 19, in Immaculate Conception Chapel. Romero Stations of the Cross will start at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, from the Nazareth Courtyard.

* Sacrament of Reconciliation from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Thursday and Friday throughout Lent, when classes are in session; and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday throughout Lent, when classes are in session, in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. There also will be a Taizé reconciliation service at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, in Immaculate Conception Chapel. Taizé refers to the reflective music style of the monks of Taizé, France.

* Short Marianist-inspired prayer at 3 p.m. weekdays in the St. Mary's courtyard and evening prayer 5:30 Wednesdays throughout Lent in Immaculate Conception Chapel.

* Parishes and churches around the country open their doors for an evening of individual confession, reflection and prayer. The University of Dayton event is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23.

This Lenten season, campus ministry and the office for mission and rector also will be collecting money to send to Marianist mission programs overseas — health clinics in Togo, West Africa, and India; and Marianist schools in India, Kenya and Malawi. Each serve the needs of the poor through education, encouragement and meeting basic needs.

Once again, campus ministry will be taking to Twitter — @UDLiturgies and #UDLent2016 — and Facebook — University of Dayton Campus Ministry — to issue Lenten challenges and offer suggestions for prayer, service and sacrifice.

For a complete list of University Dayton Lenten events and programs, visit the related link.

For more information, please contact the University of Dayton Office of Campus Ministry at 937-229-3339. For interviews, contact Shawn Robinson, associate director of media relations, at 937-229-3391. Tripods are prohibited in Immaculate Conception Chapel.

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